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## US INVOLVEMENT IN INTER-SERVICE DISPUTES WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES OF OTHER COUNTRIES

1. Purpose. This instruction establishes policy governing involvement of US Service members in inter-Service disputes within the armed forces of other countries.

2. Cancellation. CJCSI 2610.01, 2 December 1993, "US Involvement in Inter-Service Disputes Within the Armed Forces of Other Countries" is canceled.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Joint Staff, Services, and the combatant commands.

4. Policy

a. The US military's involvement in a variety of programs brings it into contact with the military of many countries around the world. In some of these countries, there is dissension among the Military Services concerning Service roles and missions. In the past, it may have appeared that the United States was taking a position in a number of these controversies. Such an appearance could be interpreted as interference in a dispute.

b. US military personnel must avoid any action or statement that could be construed as advancing or supporting controversy regarding the roles and missions of Services of other countries or as indicating a desire or intent on the part of the United States to adjudicate these disputes. Such situations are counterproductive and can only make the achievement of US objectives more difficult.

5. Responsibilities. US military personnel should promote unity among the Services of foreign countries and refrain from associating themselves with divisive influences, whether they emerge from the Military Services

in country, agencies of the US Government, or from US contractors.

6. Procedures. US military personnel will seek to avoid situations that may lead to US involvement in inter-Service disputes among the armed forces of other countries. Attempts to involve US military personnel in such disputes, or circumstances that appear to make such involvement unavoidable, will be referred to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

8. Releasability. This instruction/manual/notice is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DOD components (to include the combatant commands), other Federal agencies, and the public may obtain copies of this instruction/ manual/notice through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Home Page--<http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/jel/cjcsd.htm>. Copies are also available through the Government Printing Office on the Joint Electronic Library CD-ROM.

9. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon receipt.

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